

REMARKS

Applicants request that this Preliminary Amendment be made of record and fully considered prior to the first office action on the merits. The above application corresponds to an application originally filed in Japanese. The above amendments revise the application as translated into English to be in a format more closely corresponding to that customarily employed in U.S. patent practice. None of the revisions in the amendments to the claims are intended to be more narrowing. Any inquiry regarding this matter may be directed to the undersigned representative at (612) 677-9050.

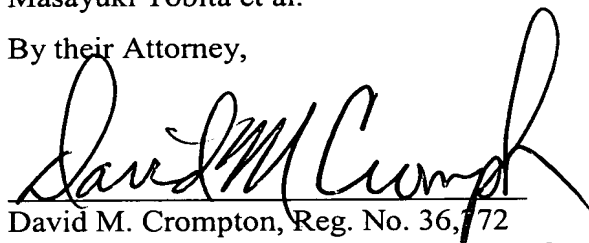
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